

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as shown below:

1. (currently amended) A device for measuring and marking lines and points on I-beams; comprising:

(a) a flange-contacting portion for contacting the flange of an I-beam along the line where the flange intersects the web of the beam ~~to be marked, and for defining a line parallel to the flange;~~

(b) a flat measuring blade for measuring distances from said flange-contacting portion along the web of the beam, wherein said flat measuring blade is not "T-shaped"; and

(c) a bridging portion for connecting said measuring blade portion to said flange-contacting portion by bridging the beam flange, wherein said bridging portion connects said measuring blade to said flange-contacting portion in a way in which the measuring blade is perpendicular to a line parallel to the flange;

wherein said flange-contacting portion extends in both directions along the line where the flange intersects the web of the beam, relative to the position of the measuring blade.

2. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein said flange-contacting portion includes a rib for contacting the flange.

3. (original) The device of claim 1 and further including a locking mechanism for releasably holding said measuring blade.

4. (original) The device of claim 1 and further including a handle portion for providing a better grip on the device.

5. (currently amended) A device for measuring and marking lines and points on I-beams; comprising:

(a) a flange-contacting portion for contacting the flange of an I-beam along the line where the flange intersects the web of the beam ~~to be marked, and for defining a line parallel to the flange;~~

(b) a blade-gripping portion for holding a flat, not “T-shaped” measuring blade for measuring distances from said flange-contacting portion along the web of the beam; and

(c) a bridging portion for connecting said measuring blade portion to said flange-contacting portion by bridging the beam flange, wherein said bridging portion connects said measuring blade to said flange-contacting portion in a way in which the measuring blade is perpendicular to a line parallel to the flange;

wherein said flange-contacting portion extends in both directions along the line where the flange intersects the web of the beam, relative to the position of the measuring blade.

6. (original) The device of claim 5 wherein said flange-contacting portion includes a rib for contacting the flange.

7. (currently amended) The device of claim 5 wherein said blade-gripping portion includes a locking mechanism for holding a flat, not “T-shaped” measuring blade.

8. (original) The device of claim 5 and further including a handle portion for providing a better grip on the device.

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